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FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF NOTE HANDED ME TODAY BY
ACTING SECSTATE FOR FONAFFS NORODOM PHURISSARA.

BEGIN TRANSLATION:

THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ROYAL
GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPART-
MENT OF STATE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE LATTER OF THE FOLLOWING.

AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN IS AWARE,
PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK, CHIEF OF STATE, IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH
THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE, SOLEMNLY DECLARED
ON 5 NOVEMBER 1963 THAT CAMBODIA WOULD FIND ITSELF OBLIGED TO
RENOUNCE THE AID ACCORDED IT BY UNITED STATES IF THE RADIO-
BROADCASTING STATION OF THE REBELS KNOWN AS "KHMER SEREI",
INSTALLED IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, DID NOT END ITS BROADCASTS BEFORE
31 DECEMBER 1963. IN DOING THIS THE CHIEF OF THE CAMBODIAN
STATE EMPHASIZED THAT UNITED STATES INEVITABLY BORE A CONSIDERABLE
SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ACTS OF "PRO-WESTERN" SUBVERSION
DIRECTED FROM A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY WHICH THEY CLOSELY CONTROLLED.

THE PUBLIC REVELATIONS OF AN EMISSARY OF THESE "KHMER SEREI"

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WHO HAS COME FROM SOUTH VIET-NAM, HAVE NOW PROVIDED PROOF THAT AMERICAN AGENTS WERE IN FACT THE DIRECT SUPPLIERS OF ARMS, PROPAGANDA MATERIAL, AND MONEY TO THAT MOVEMENT, WHICH WAS FABRICATED TO DESTROY CAMBODIA'S NATIONAL REGIME, ITS INDEPENDENCE AND ITS NEUTRALITY. FROM NOW ON THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW OFFICIAL AMERICAN DECLARATIONS OF RESPECT FOR OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND OUR NATIONAL POLICY CAN FIND EXPRESSION IN SUCH FLAGRANT AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN A PLOT AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND OUR LIBERTIES.

IN RESPONSE TO POPULAR WISH AND AFTER HAVING STUDIED THE NEW SITUATION CREATED BY THESE VERY GRAVE REVELATION, THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THE MOST ELEMENTARY DIGNITY PREVENTS CAMBODIA FROM ACCEPTING THE CONTINUATION OF ANY FORM OF AMERICAN AID, HOWEVER SMALL. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT THAT CAMBODIA ASKS THE CESSATION OF AID ACCORDED HER BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE MILITARY, ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS, AND THE INITIATION WITHOUT DELAY OF BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS ON THE LIQUIDATION OF CURRENT PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS.

THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE TOWARDS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR WHOM THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE RETAINS ALL ITS FRIENDSHIPS. ITS GENEROUS AID IN THE COURSE OF RECENT YEARS HAS CONTRIBUTED EFFECTIVELY TO THE MODERNIZATION OF OUR COUNTRY. WE CANNOT FORGET THAT. THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE KEENLY HOPE THAT THE GREAT PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, WHOSE DEMOCRATIC SENTIMENTS THEY RECOGNIZE, WILL UNDERSTAND THAT A SOVEREIGN STATE SUCH AS OURS CANNOT TOLERATE IN SILENCE THE INTRIGUES OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND AGENTS WORKING RELENTLESS TO UNDERMINE ITS INDEPENDENCE.

IT IS BECAUSE OUR FRIENDSHIP FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REMAINS INTACT THAT THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT WILL MAINTAIN ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE HOPE THAT A DAY WILL COME WHEN THAT FRIENDSHIP CAN BLOOM AGAIN IN A CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE AND GOOD FAITH.

THE SECRETARY

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION. SIGNED PHURISSARA.

END TRANSLATION.

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